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MTA Funds New Park & Ride Lot

With a \$2.97 million grant from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the City of Santa Clarita will build a new Park-and-Ride Lot as part of an expansion project at the McBean Regional Transit Center on Valencia Boulevard, announced Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor of the Board.

"A commuter parking study was conducted two years ago and clearly showed the need for expansion of the transit center," said Mayor Antonovich. "We want people to Rideshare and now there will be an additional 285 parking spaces to serve commuters," he said.

Carpoolers have found it difficult to find parking in the area and some have been kicked out of the Valencia Marketplace, where parking is only allowed for shoppers.

To address security concerns at the Park-and-Ride Lot, the city will build a six-foot tall wrought iron fence and install additional lighting.

There are numerous Park-and-Ride Lots across the County for commuters to use. For more information and to locate a Park-and-Ride Lot near you, visit www.metro.net.



The Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association (LACERA) was the recipient of a Diamond Award, presented by Metro in recognition of innovative and effective Rideshare programs administered by both the public and private sectors. LACERA staff received the award at a recent gala luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. Celebrating LACERA's honor are, from left, Jay Fullwood, Justin Stewart and Dona Dower, mistress of ceremonies for the event and a traffic reporter for KFROG radio.



Supervisor Michael Antonovich, Mayor of the Board, is joined by CEO Bill Fujioka, right, to present a mock \$1.3 million check to the County's Charitable Giving Campaign partners. Accepting the check are, from left, Vernon Webb, United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Kyle Holland, Brotherhood Crusade, Clara Chiu, Asian Pacific Community Fund, Maya Pirela, EarthShare California, and Melissa Aguilar, United Latino Fund.



CEO Bill Fujioka, left, presents a Top Payroll Deduction Award, Charitable Giving Campaign, to Gail Farber, director, Department of Public Works, second from right. Also recognized were Public Works campaign chairman Khaled Tawfik, second from left, division chief, technology planning and governance, Vanessa Lopez, center, and Francisca Rodriguez, campaign coordinators.

County Departments Receive CGC Awards

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor of the Board, and CEO Bill Fujioka presented the 2010 Charitable Giving Campaign (CGC) awards to outstanding departments and coordinators during a recent Board meeting.

"Last year employees donated more than \$1.3 million," said Mayor Antonovich. "The voluntary, fundraising effort benefits children and families in need."

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CEO Bill Fujioka joins Acting DPSS director Sheryl Spiller.



CEO Bill Fujioka, third from left, meets fellow judges, from left, Maya Pirela, Raquel Sanchez and Oren Waters. DPSS officials Michelle Callahan, right, and Anjetta Venters-Bowles, DPSS Got Talent Chair, welcome the judges.

Photos courtesy of DPSS

CEO Fujioka Judges DPSS Got Talent Event

CEO Bill Fujioka recently served as a guest judge for the "DPSS Got Talent" show, a fundraiser for the County's annual Charitable Giving Campaign (CGC).

Nearly 20 different acts, consisting of DPSS employees from various offices, auditioned at Pasadena City College on September 9, 2011. CEO Fujioka, Oren Waters, recording artist, Raquel Sanchez of the United Latino Fund, Maya Pirela of EarthShare California and Michelle Callahan, DPSS executive, served as judges for the competition.

Pamela Fontenot, DPSS employee, was the mistress of ceremonies. She was joined by The Fujiokettes, a group of DPSS employees, who performed a rousing tribute to the CEO to the tune of "Don't Mess With Bill." The audience gave the group a standing ovation.

Outstanding performers included the Blooming Girls from DPSS/IHSS El Monte, Ray L. Jones and Michael Guerra of DPSS/Exposition.

The finale of the DPSS Got Talent competition will be held on Friday, November 4, 2011, 7:00 p.m., in the Marsee Auditorium of El Camino College, 16007 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance.

Proceeds from the \$12 admission fee will be donated to the County's five CGC partners—United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Brotherhood Crusade, Asian Pacific Community Fund, EarthShare California and the United Latino Fund.

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The CGC partners—United Way of Greater Los Angeles, Brotherhood Crusade, Asian Pacific Community Fund, EarthShare California and the United Latino Fund—will distribute the funds to community based agencies that provide direct health and human services.

During the Board meeting, Mayor Antonovich and CEO Fujioka presented a mock check for \$1.3 million to the County's Charitable Giving Campaign partners—Vernon Webb, Kyle Holland, Clara Chiu, Maya Pirela and Melissa Aguilar.

Top Teams

The top teams for payroll deduction were Public Works, director Gail Farber, coordinators Vanessa Lopez and Francisca Rodriguez; Assessor, John Noguez, Assessor, coordinator Sandra Flores; Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association, CEO Gregg Rademacher, coordinator Julia Ray; and Affirmative Action, Director Dennis Tafoya, coordinator Karen Fullner.

Leading the one-time fundraising category once again was the Department of Public Social Services, director Philip Browning, coordinator Alma Guadalupe. Other outstanding departments were Community Development Commission/Housing Authority, executive director Sean Rogan, coordinators Bobbette Glover and Kathleen Allen; Human Resources, director Lisa Garrett, coordinator Luz Hernandez; and Consumer Affairs, acting director Rigo Reyes, coordinator Armando Nogal.

The 2011 CGC is now underway and employees are encouraged to support the fundraising drive. For more information, contact the department CGC coordinator or contact CEO Workplace Programs at (213) 974-2619.



CEO Bill Fujioka and wife, Darlene Kuba Fujioka, right, congratulate Michelle Callahan, left, and Pamela Fontenot, mistress of ceremonies, on a successful event.



Supervisor Michael Antonovich, second from left, presents the Charitable Giving Campaign "Outstanding Leadership" award to CEO Bill Fujioka, third from left, during a recent Board meeting. Joining in the presentation are CEO Workplace Programs staff, from left, Victoria P. Lane, director, Elaine Elizalde, campaign coordinator, Jaimie Ngan, volunteer, and Peter Papadakis, campaign coordinator.

Photo by Henry Salazar

Did You Know?

Metrolink has launched "the quiet car," where phone calls, loud conversations and other noise or disturbances are prohibited. The second car from the locomotive on each train is designated as "the quiet car." Commuters may not use any devices with audio features enabled or without headphones.

AIDS Walk L.A. Set for Oct. 16

County employees are gearing up for the annual AIDS Walk Los Angeles, scheduled for Sunday, October 16, at West Hollywood Park, Melrose Avenue at San Vicente Boulevard.

Teams have been formed in the Chief Executive Office, Consumer Affairs, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Department of Mental Health, Child Support Services and Community and Senior Services.

Last year, Child Support led all departments in fundraising with more than \$20,000. To sign-up and for more information, visit <http://aidswalklos-angeles2011>.



Photos by Scott Harris

Employees of the Department of Human Resources participate as County team members in the March of Dimes March for Babies at Exposition Park.

CEO Fujioka Leads County MOD Team

CEO Bill Fujioka and his wife, Darlene Kuba Fujioka, led hundreds of County employees in the March of Dimes "March for Babies" at Exposition Park, near USC.

Department Heads joining the annual 5k walk included Philip Browning, Public Social Services, Janice Fukai, Alternate Public Defender, Richard Bruckner, Regional Planning, Richard Sanchez, Chief Information Officer, Cynthia Banks, Community & Senior Services, Lisa Garrett, Human Resources, Tom Tindall, Internal Services, Dean Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, and Steven Golightly, Child Support Services.

The fundraising walk brings together both the public and private sectors to raise monies that are used by the March of Dimes to fund important research and education programs. Farmers Insurance is the major sponsor of the walk.

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor of the Board, serves as chairman of the County campaign. Co-chairs are CEO Fujioka, Fire Chief Daryl Osby, Sheriff Lee Baca and Assessor John Noguez.

Additional fundraising activities sponsored by the County to support the March of Dimes campaign include "County Night at Dodger Stadium" and twilight nights at Disneyland in Anaheim.

Last year, employees donated more than \$310,000 to the non-profit organization and the County continued to be the top public sector team in Southern California.



At right, CIO director Richard Sanchez walks. At left, CSS director Cynthia Banks and team members support the 5k walk.

Metro Rewards Program

Dedicated Ridesharers, who work for employers in the County of Los Angeles, are eligible for the Metro Rewards incentive program. Participants receive a \$25 gift certificate to use at numerous restaurants. For more information, visit www.metro.net/metrorewards.



Photo by Scott Harris

CEO Bill Fujioka and his wife, Darlene Kuba Fujioka, fourth and third from left, are joined by employees, who make up the County March of Dimes team, and Department heads Steven Golightly, Child Support, Janice Fukai, Alternate Public Defender, Dean Logan, Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk, Philip Browning, DPSS, Tom Tindall, Internal Services, Richard Bruckner, Regional Planning, Cynthia Banks, Community and Senior Services, and Richard Sanchez, Chief Information Officer, at the March for Babies at Exposition Park.



Health Services employee Michael Puckett, center, is the proud owner of a Nissan Leaf electric vehicle, which he uses to commute to work at LAC+USC Healthcare Network. Taking a tour of the clean air vehicle are Irene Recendez, CNO, left, and Pete Delgado, CEO. Ms. Recendez' first name was incorrect in a previous issue.

SCAQMD Sponsors Regional Confab

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) will sponsor a "Call to Action-Regional Conference on Air Quality and Transportation" on Thursday, October 19, 2011 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

There will be three panels, "A New Road Map: Building Efficient & Clean Surface Transportation & Goods Movement for the 21st Century," "New Public policy for Implementing Advanced Technology" and "Call to Action: Public-Private Partnerships & Coalitions to Move Policy."

Panel members include State Sen. Alan Lowenthal, Maria Elena Durazo, executive secretary-treasurer, L.A. County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, Kathryn Phillips, director, Sierra Club California, actor Ed Begley, Jr., Hasan Ikhrata, executive director, Southern California Association of Governments, and Thomas McHenry, chair, Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Environmental Sustainability Committee.

U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer will provide special remarks in a pre-recorded message to conference attendees. Dr. William Burke, SCAQMD chairman, will deliver the welcome message.

For more information, visit www.aqmd.gov.



Photo by Peter Papadakis

Mary Baca, left, DHS March of Dimes coordinator, and Kathleen Guessard, right, March of Dimes representative, participate in a mini-March for Babies at the Commerce office with employee Leslie Mondy.



Rita Smith, March of Dimes coordinator for the Public Defender's Office, is joined by Veronica Verdugo, who strongly supported the fundraising campaign. Ms. Verdugo was born premature and wanted to show her appreciation for the March of Dimes.

Metro Offers \$400 Vanpool Subsidy

Commuters, who work for local government, including the County of Los Angeles, and travel by vanpool, are eligible to receive a \$400 subsidy from Metro.

The monthly stipend is designed to encourage employees to "share the ride" for their daily commute and reduce air pollution from employees driving alone to work.

Vanpools offer a stress-free, more efficient and economical way for commuters to get to the workplace.

For more information, visit www.metro.net/vanpools.

Did You Know?

Foothill Transit has created "Foothill Connections," a new social media page to assist travelers in getting to their destinations in the San Gabriel Valley. Whether it's the newest hot spot in Old Town Pasadena, a convention at the Fairplex in Pomona or a convenient coffeehouse in Monrovia, "Foothill Connections" has the information. For more information, visit www.foothilltransit.org/foothillconnections.

Calendar of Events

Annual Volunteer Insurance Workshop

Thursday, September 29, 8:30 a.m.
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple St., Room 739
Downtown Los Angeles

Civic Center Clean Air/Rideshare Fair

Thursday, October 13, 11:30 a.m.
Department of Health Services
Administration Building
313 N. Figueroa St. at Temple St.
Downtown Los Angeles

Rideshare Fair

Thursday, October 20, 11 a.m.
Sheriff's Department Headquarters
4700 Ramona Blvd.
Monterey Park

SCAQMD Lawnmower Exchange

Saturday, October 29
Faith Community Church
1211 E. Badillo St., Covina



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